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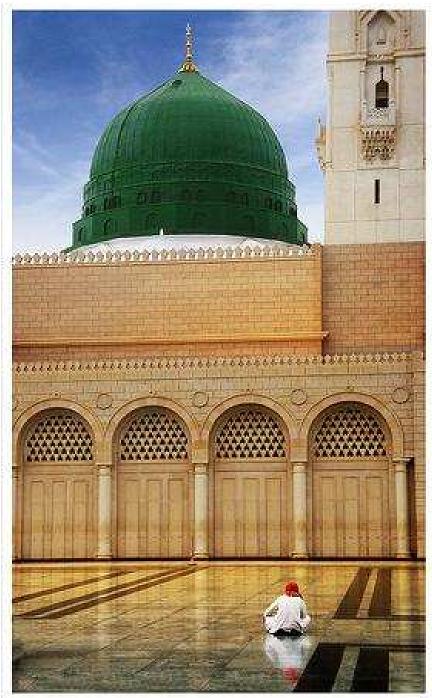
In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Most Kind.

Peace & blessings of Allah be upon His Noble Messenger Muhammad ﷺ *,*
Upon his Family & Companions.

AAB-E-KAUTHAR

(A FABULOUS WORK ON THE BENEFITS OF DUROOD SHARIF)

IN PRAISE OF THE CROWN OF CREATION AND MASTER OF HUMANITY SAYEDINA MUHAMMAD (SALALAHU ALAYHI WASALAM) ﷺ



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WHAT IS DUROOD SHARIF?

"Surely, Allah and (all) His angels send blessings and greetings on the Holy Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him). O believers! Invoke blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation of peace abundantly (and fervently)."
(Al-Quran, Sura 33, Verse 56)

In this verse of the Qur'an, Allah Almighty, the Angels and the Muslims have been mentioned as sending Durood upon the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). So, Durood Sharif is actually a Supplication (*Dua)* in praise of the Prophet (ﷺ). When Allah Almighty sends Durood and Salaams upon the Prophet (Peace be upon him), He is actually blessing him. When the angels and the Muslims send Durood and Salaams they are actually showing Allah Almighty their respect for the Prophet (ﷺ).

JEWELS OF AAB-E-KAUTHAR

- The jewels of knowledge are so plentiful as to serve as a treasure house for the scholars.
- The language is so smooth and simple that even children may easily read it.
- The style is so elegant and clear that you may wish to finish it in one sitting.
- So filled with auspiciousness that if you a keep a copy of this book in your house it will serve as a safeguard against misfortunes.
- Written with such total dedication that the reader may experience love and devotion to the Holy Prophet (ﷺ).
- Charged with such emotions that the reader may not be able to hold his tears.
- You can have it for the asking price, its price being only one devotional reading of this book.
- It has often happened that reading it with tearful eyes the reader, when in a state of ecstasy dozed off, was blessed with a meeting with the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). You should also go through this book with detachment from the world, with total devotion and submission.

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FOREWARD

Durood Sharif is simply the act of sending blessing upon the best of creation our Holy Prophet Sayedina Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم). Durood Sharif is a blessing beyond our understanding. It bears countless benefits, some of which are mentioned below.

Imam Shams ud Din Sakhawi (May Allah bless him) in his work 'Al Qawl ul Badi' mentions the following benefits;

1. **Allah Almighty showers ten blessings on him.**
2. Angels invoke blessings and seek salvation for him.
3. During the period that he recites the Angels continue praying for him.
4. Is a compensation for sins.
5. It purifies ones actions.
6. Lifts its reciter to a higher state of spirituality.
7. Reward equivalent to Mount Uhad is given to the one who recites one Durood sharif.
8. Allah Ta'la assumes all responsibilities in this world and the hereafter if one makes it a daily habit.
9. The reward is greater than that of freeing slaves.
10. The recitor is free of all fears.
11. The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) will himself bear testimony of the recitor.
12. Intercession (Shaf'at) from the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) becomes necessary.
13. Become entitled to the Mercy and Blessings of Allah Almighty.
14. Gets protection from the wrath of Allah Almighty.
15. It is branded on the forehead of the reciter that he is free from hypocrisy and free from hell.
16. Will be granted a shade on the Day of Judgement under throne of Allah Ta'la.
17. The goodness of the reciter will weigh heavy and bear due credit on the scale (meezan).
18. Will be granted special consideration at the pool of kauthar (heavenly spring).
19. Will be free from thirst on the Day of Judgement.
20. Will cross the bridge over hell leading to Paradise (Sirat) quickly and conveniently.
21. He will be blessed with light on the Sirat (Bridge over Hell).
22. He will see his abode in the Paradise prior to his death.
23. Will be granted a large number of spouses in Paradise.
24. Increases property and wealth.
25. Is an act of worship.
26. Allah Almighty holds it (the recitation of Durood Sharif) the dearest of all good actions.
27. Durood Sharif is the adorner of gatherings.
28. Durood Sharif removes hardship.
29. Will be the closest to the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) on the Day of Judgement.
30. Extends its blessings to its reciter and his children.
31. If recited to invoke mercy for someone, Durood Sharif would benefit him too.
32. Is blessed with the closeness of Allah Ta'la and His Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).
33. One gets victory over one's enemies.
34. Removes the rust from its reciter's heart.
35. People love the reciter.
36. Secures its reciter against backbiting.
37. **The optimum blessing for the reciter of Durood Sharif is that he is blessed with the spiritual meeting (Ziarat) of the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم); (Al-Qawl-ul-Badi; Page:101).**

Shaykh Shah Abdul Haq Muhaddith Dehlavi (May Allah bless him) in his work ‘Jazb-ul-Quloob’ mentions the following benefits;

38. By reciting Durood Sharif once, ten sins are forgiven, ten virtues are granted, the reciter’s status is raised by ten degrees, ten Divine Favours and bestowed on him.
39. The shoulder of the reciter of Durood Sharif will rub with that of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) at the gate of the Paradise (Jannah).
40. Will be the first to be blessed with the company of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ).
41. The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) will assume responsibility for all the affairs of the reciter on the Day of Judgement.
42. Recitation purifies the heart.
43. Pains of death are eased upon the reciter.
44. The gathering, where Durood Sharif is recited, is surrounded by Angels of Mercy.
45. **Recitation enhances one’s love for The Holy Prophet (ﷺ).**
46. The Holy Prophet showers his love upon the reciter.
47. On the Day of Judgement, The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) will shake hands with the reciter.
48. Angels love the reciter and inscribe the Durood Sharif recited by him on silver leaves with gold pens.
49. Angels present the Durood Sharif recited by the reciter and submit thus: “O Prophet (ﷺ) of Allah! Such and such person son of such and such person has sent this present of his Durood Sharif to be submitted in your Court”.
50. If perchance the reciter of Durood Sharif commits some sin, the angels do not record it for three days. (Jazb-ul-Quloob; Page:253)

Allama Mufti Muhammad Ameen the Author of Aab-e-Kauthar presents these few other benefits from the sayings of holy men:

51. His house is never overwhelmed by forces of evil.
52. Is the key to success in this life as well as the hereafter.
53. Is the best of the Nafli Ibadaat (Extra voluntary).
54. Reciting Durood Sharif widens the Paradise for the reciter.
55. Entitles its reciter to be admitted to the community of Allah Ta’la friends the Aulia-e-Karaam.
56. It is the law of Nature that one who laughs in this world will weep in the life hereafter, and vice versa, he who weeps here will enjoy himself in the hereafter. He who enjoys luxuries here will find himself in trouble in the hereafter. But the reciter of Durood Sharif is a privileged person who enjoys his life to the utmost in this mortal world as well as in the hereafter.
    A crown will be placed on the head of the reciter of on the Day of Judgement.
57. Attracts every good quality and wards off every wickedness.
58. Wipes out the sins the way water extinguishes the fire.
59. Is the feature of Ahle-Sunnah-Wal-Jama’at.
60. The corpse of the reciter of Durood Sharif will be devoured neither by worms nor earth.
61. Is the master-key (Isme-e-Azam) which fulfils all one’s requirements temporal as well as spiritual.
62. Durood Sharif is nectar par excellence. Suppose you manage to get a nectar and drink it, you may live for a thousand years or till the Doomsday, but this worldly life, this life of worry and a trouble,

will ultimately come to an end whereas Durood Sharif is the nectar that will grant you a the eternal everlasting life with no end!

63. The Prophet (ﷺ) said that the closest person to him is he who recites Durood Sharif abdundantly. (Dalail-ul-Khairat).

ABSOLUTE SUBMISSION TO THE HOLY PROPHET (ﷺ) IS TRUE FAITH

Dear reader, benefits of Durood Sharif are unlimited. Only 63 of the uncountable benefits have been given here. You are sure to get all these benefits provided you become a true follower and lover of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ).You should develop deep love and respect for the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) in your heart because without love and honour, recitation of Durood Sharif would be a mere formality, lip-service leading nowhere.

The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) is religion (Deen) personified. His adoration is faith; his love is a fundamental of religion and requirement of faith (Iman).

Mutalia-ul-Masrat mentions:

True love and devotion is a requirement of true faith, and perfect love and honour for the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) is a requirement of perfect faith. It further narrates: Actually the heart without love of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) does not possess any faith. The love for the Lord of Creation Allah Almighty is one of the pillars of faith. No one's faith is valid or acceptable without deep love and honour for the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). Your love for the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) is conditional with your love for Allah Almighty.

(Mutalia-ul-Masrat Page 67)

Therefore he who claims love for Allah Almighty without fulfilling the requirement i.e. love and honour for the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) is a liar and a doomed person.

Shaykh Abul Abbas Tijani states,

"Anyone who may desire Allah Almighty's closeness, at the cost of devotion to his Holy Prophet (ﷺ) should become a target for Allah Almighty's anger and wrath. He deserves extreme remoteness and utmost condemnation from Allah Almighty, all his efforts will go to waste and his actions won't bear any fruit."

(Saadat-ud-Darain Page 20)

Anyone trying to win Allah Almighty's compassion, without utmost devotion to his Holy Prophet (ﷺ), is suffering from a grave misunderstanding. He is a living in a fool's paradise. He is a condemned soul and will never achieve ultimate happiness.

Reportedly somebody asked the Holy Prophet (ﷺ); "O Holy Prophet (ﷺ) when will I become a real and complete believer (Momin)?" The Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "When you will love Allah Almighty." He again asked "O Prophet (ﷺ), "When will I begin loving Allah Almighty?"

The Prophet (ﷺ) replied "When you will love his Prophet (ﷺ)". He again asked "When will I begin loving his Prophet (ﷺ)"? The Prophet (ﷺ) finally replied, "This will be when you will obey his orders, follow in his footsteps, observe his Sunnah, and when you will love his followers and hate his enemies, and when your love and hatred will spring from your love and devotion to Allah Almighty's Prophet (ﷺ)". He further said,"Faith is not uniform. It varies

from person to person. Ones faith is proportionate to his love for me and same is the case with disbelief (kufr) which again, is in proportion to ones hatred with me. Beware! One whose heart does not beat with love for me has no faith (Iman)."

(Dalail-ul-Khairat Page 309)

Hazrat Shah Ghulam Dehlavi states,"I was once overwhelmed by the fear of Hell." In my imagination I was blessed with the vision of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) who said, "He who loves me will not go to hell."

(Tazkira Mashaikh-e-Naqshbandia Page 309)

Love and devotion for the Prophet (ﷺ) is the ultimate for a Muslim. You cannot advance on the path of faith unless you have love for the Prophet (ﷺ) embedded in your heart. So firstly develop his love and convince yourself of his greatness.

STATUS OF THE BELOVED PROPHET (PEACE BE UPON HIM)

Shaykh Bayazid Bastami states,

1) The highest achievement of an ordinary Muslim is just the beginning point of a Saint, and the highest stage of a Saint is just the beginning of a Martyr, and the highest stage of a Martyr is the starting point of the Truthful (Siddiq), and the last stage of the Siddiq is the beginning point of a Nabi, and the final stage of the Nabi is the beginning point of a Rasool, and the ultimate of the Rasool is the start point of the Olul Azm Rasool, and the last limit of the Olul Azm Rasool is the first step of the Blessed Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) and only Allah Almighty can determine ultimate status of the Prophet (ﷺ).

(Tazkira Mashaikh-e-Naqshbandia Page 58)

Shaykh Mujaddid Alf-e-Thani states,

2) I love Allah Almighty because He is The Lord (Rabb) of My Prophet (ﷺ).

(Mabda-e-Maad Page 37)

Shaykh Muhammad Ma'asoom Sirhandi states,

3) When I reached Madina Munawarrah and presented myself at the Blessed court of the Prophet (ﷺ), I witnessed with my hearts eye that the Prophet (ﷺ) was the centre of the universe. Indeed Allah Almighty is the Nourisher and Sustainer, but whosoever has gained any good it is through the intercession of the Prophet (ﷺ). It became apparent that benefactions to all Allah Almighty's creation are supplied from the mausoleum of the Prophet (ﷺ).

(Maqamaat-e-Imam Rabbani Page 112)

Imam Zurqani states,

4) Allah Almighty has made his beloved Prophet (ﷺ) the master of the earth.

(Zurqani Page 242)

5) It is the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) who will distribute Paradise amongst his followers.

(Zurqani Vol 3 Page 119)

6) When the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) wills something, none can stop it.

(Zurqani Vol 1 Page 39)

Shaykh Ismail Haqqi al-Barousawi states,

7) Man has his physical and natural limitations whereas Allah Almighty is Supreme and Pure. There is no co-relation between the two. So it is impossible to seek guidance from Allah Almighty without an intermediary, and that intermediary is the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).

(Tafseer Rooh-ul-Bayan Page 227)

HADITH ON THE EXCELLENCE AND VIRTUES OF DUROOD SHARIF

1) The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Of all the people the nearest to me on the Day of Judgement will be he who recited Durood Sharif the most."

(Tirmidhi Sharif, Kanzul Amaal)

2) The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "From amongst you the closest to me at every place and every stage on the Day of Judgement will be he who would have recited Durood Sharif the most in this world".

(Saadat-ud-Darain Page 60)

3) The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "He who sends a single Durood upon me, Almighty Allah rewards him ten times and ten good deeds are recorded in his book of good deeds".

(Tirmidhi Sharif Vol 1 Page 64)

4) Hazrat Anas (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "He who reads a single Durood upon me, Almighty Allah blesses him ten times, ten of his sins are forgiven and he is increased ten times in stages (spiritually)".

(Mishkat Sharif Page 86, Dalail-ul-Khairat Page 6, Tafseer-e-Mazhari Page 412)

5) Hazrat Abu Talha (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that he once entered the Court of Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and noticed that the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was in a state of great joy and happiness. When he inquired as to the reason for this, Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) replied that, "Why should I not be happy and joyous? At this very moment Angel Jibrael (alaihis salaam) has brought me a message. Almighty Allah has declared, "O Muhammad! Are you not pleased with this, that if any of your followers sends a single Durood upon you, I and My Angels send ten blessings upon that person, ten of his sins are pardoned and ten good deeds are recorded in his favour. He who sends Salaams upon you, I send Salaams upon him, so therefore, notify your Ummah of this good news and tell them that it is now left to them to either increase or decrease the recital of the Durood Sharif."

(Nisai Sharif, Mishkat Sharif, Darmi Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 109)

6) Hazrat Abi bin Kaab (radi Allahu anhu) inquired from Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) as to how much time should he dedicate for reading Durood Sharif. Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) replied, "As much as you wish". He then asked, "Should I not dedicate a quarter of my time?" Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) replied, "As you wish, if you increase the recitation it would be better for you". He further asked, "O Master! If it is better, should I not dedicate half my time?" Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) replied, "As you wish. If you increase it though, it would be better for you". Hazrat Abi bin Kaab (radi Allahu anhu) then remarked, "O Master! Should I not, therefore, dedicate my entire time in the recital of the Durood?" To this Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) replied, "If you do this, then all your obligations will be fulfilled and all your sins will be forgiven!" Commentary: From the above Hadith, we clearly realise the excellence of reading the Durood Sharif as much as possible. O Almighty Allah! Grant us the strength to increase the recital of the Durood Sharif. Ameen.

(Tirmidhi Sharif, Mishkat Sharif Page 86, Alzawajer Page 117)

7) Once Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was sitting in the Masjid when a person entered to perform his Prayer (Salaah). After the Prayer, the person made Du'a to Almighty Allah in the following manner, "O Allah! Please forgive me and have mercy on me". On hearing this, Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) stated, "O Reciter of the Prayer! You have been extremely hasty. When you complete the Prayer, you must first praise Almighty Allah according to His Magnificence and then read the Durood Sharif. Only then should you beg Almighty Allah for what you desire ".Soon after this another person entered the Masjid. When that person completed his Prayer he began to praise Almighty Allah and then recited the Durood Sharif. Seeing this, Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said to the person, "O Reciter of the Prayer, ask, for certainly your

Du'a will be answered". Explaining this Hadith Mullah Ali Qari has written, “The first man had presented his Du’a to Allah Almighty directly while the other submitted it through the proper means.” ie by praising Allah Almighty and sending Durood Sharif on the Blessed Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).

(Tirmidhi Sharif, Abu Dawud Sharif, Nisai Sharif, Mishkat Sharif Page 84)

8) Hazrat Abdullah ibn Masood (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that, "I read my Salaah in the Masjid when Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar (radi Allahu anhuma) were present. When I had completed the Salaah, I began to praise Almighty Allah. Thereafter, I began to read the Durood Sharif. When I started the Du'a, Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) exclaimed, 'Ask, and you shall receive, you shall receive!'".

(Tirmidhi Sharif, Mishkat Sharif Page 87)

9) Someone asked Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), "O Nabi of Allah, if one adopts the recital of the Durood Sharif daily, how then will it be?" Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) replied, "If you do this, then enough for you is Allah in the affairs of this world and the next". (In other words, the person will have no need to run to anybody and all his affairs will be completed with ease).

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 119)

10) Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "He who reads a single Durood, Almighty Allah and His Angels send seventy blessings upon the reciter".

(Mishkat Sharif Page 87, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 103)

11) The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Angel Jibrael (alaihis salaam) has come to me with good news. He has mentioned, 'O Prophet of Allah, Whosoever amongst your Ummah reads a single Durood, that person is rewarded by Almighty Allah with ten good deeds, ten of his sins are pardoned and he is increased (in status) ten stages. He is also blessed according to the Durood Sharif'".

(Jaami-us-Sagheer Vol 1, Page 7)

12) The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) has commanded us, "Recite the Durood Sharif for verily Durood Sharif is a repayment for your sins. It also cleanses you internally. He who reads a single Durood Sharif, Almighty Allah blesses him ten times".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 103)

13) The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Increase your recital of the Durood Sharif, for the Durood Sharif is the best means of repayment for your sins. Supplicate to Almighty Allah through me, for status and intercession, for certainly, in the Court of Almighty Allah, my mediation is intercession (Shafa'at) for you."

(Jaami-us-Sagheer Vol 1 Page 54)

14) The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, “Adorn your gatherings with recitation of Durood Sharif because your recitation of Durood Sharif will provide a light (Noor) for you on the Day of Judgement.”

(Jaami-us-Sagheer Vol 1 Page 28)

15) The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "The constant reader of the Durood Sharif will be given a brilliant light (Noor) to accompany him over the Siraat (Bridge over Hell). He who is given this light (Noor) will not be among the Dwellers of Hell".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat Page 9)

This will be the same light (Noor) which has been mentioned by Allah Almighty in the Holy Quran as:

“On that day you will see the faithful men and the faithful women -- their light running before them and on their right hand -- good news for you today: gardens beneath which rivers flow, to abide therein, that is the great achievement.”(Surah 57, Verse 12)

The Bridge over Hell (Siraat)

The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "It is a slippery (bridge) on which there are clamps and (Hooks like) a thorny seed that is wide at one side and narrow at the other and has thorns with bent ends. Such a thorny seed is found in Najd and is called As-Sa'dan. Some of the believers will cross the bridge as quickly as the wink of an eye, some others as quick as lightning, a strong wind, fast horses or she-camels. So some will be safe without any harm; some will be safe after receiving some scratches, and some will fall down into Hell (Fire). The last person will cross by being dragged (over the bridge)."

(Sahih Bukhari-Volume 9, Book 93, Number 532B)

16) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Without doubt, that person who has read the most amount of Durood Sharif will be able to transcend the stages of difficulty and anxiety on the Day of Judgement as quickly as possible".

(Shifa Sharif Vol Page 76, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 121)

17) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "On the Day of Judgement there will be a group of people around the Fountain of Kauthar whom I will recognise as those who used to read the Durood Sharif in abundance".

(Shifa Sharif Vol Page 76, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 123, Kashful-Ghamma Page 271)

O Muslims! Imagine the Hour of Judgement! It will be an hour of huge intensity. When the sun will be one mile above one's head and when the earth will be like a boiling oven. Neither will one be able to hide one's head nor will water be found. Man's perspiration will reach his lips. On the other hand, imagine those who will be comfortable under the cool shade and enjoying the cool goblets of drink due to their reading of the Durood Sharif. These fortunate people will also be enjoying the sacred company of Almighty Allah's beloved Prophet (ﷺ). O Allah! Bestow upon all Muslims, the strength to read as much Durood Sharif as possible. Aameen.

In the book, "Shawaa'idul-Haqq", Hazrat Shaikh Abu Abdullah (radi Allahu anhu) narrates the following incident.

Once I visited the Holy City of Mecca and met a man who claimed that he never felt thirsty. When I asked him the reason for this strange event, he replied, "There was a time when I did not have any respect for the Companions of Holy Prophet (ﷺ). One night, I dreamt that it was the Day of Judgement and there were many people in various queues looking very thirsty and ragged. I decided to follow a queue. We arrived at the Fountain of Kauthar and saw that it had four corners. At each corner were the four Caliphs, Hazrat Abu Bakr, Hazrat Umar, Hazrat Uthman and Hazrat Ali (radi Allahu anhum). I thought that there was no need for me to approach the first three Caliphs as I only believed in Hazrat Ali (radi Allahu anhu). Yet, when I approached him, he turned his head away in displeasure. Feeling extremely alarmed, I approached the other three Caliphs and they also behaved in the same manner. By now I was very despondent."I noticed that Holy Prophet (ﷺ) was also approaching the Fountain. I ran towards him and explained to him the behaviour of the four Caliphs. He replied, 'Why should beloved Ali offer you a cool drink, when you bear hatred and scorn for the Companions (Sahaba)?' When I heard this, I asked Holy Prophet (ﷺ) whether I would be forgiven or not if I asked pardon for my incorrect beliefs. He replied that I would be forgiven. I then recited the Kalimah again and asked for forgiveness. I was then ordered to return to the Fountain of Kauthar and drink from it. After this, I awoke from my sleep. From that night onwards, I have never felt thirsty. I then warned my family that I would only

accept those as my true family if they accepted my true beliefs. Some of them did accept".

The presence of the four Caliphs at the four Pillars of Kauthar is also substantiated by a Hadith. The Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "The Fountain of Kauthar possesses four Pillars: one commanded by Abu Bakr, the second by Umar, the third by Uthman and the fourth by Ali (radi Allahu anhum)".

Again, explaining the lofty status of these four Caliphs, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who speaks good about Abu Bakr, his religion is well established; he who speaks good about Umar, his religious path has been well grounded' he who speaks good about Uthman is enlightened with the Noor of Almighty Allah' and he who speaks good about Ali holds on to a bond that never breaks. They who speak well of my Sahaba (Companions) are truly Mumins".

(Shawaa'idul Haqq Page 539)

18) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads one thousand Durood Sharif daily will not leave this world till he sees his abode in Jannatul Firdous".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 126, Kashful-Ghamma Page 271, Al-Targheeb-wal-Tarheeb)

19) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who recites a single Durood Sharif upon me will be blessed a ten times by Almighty Allah, while he who recites ten Durood Sharif will be blessed a hundred times by Allah Almighty and he who reads a hundred times will be blessed a thousand times by Allah Almighty. For him who reads with love and reverence, I will be his intercessor and Witness on the Day of Judgement".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 103)

20) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads a single Durood Sharif will be blessed ten times by Almighty Allah while he who reads ten Durood Sharif will be blessed a hundred times by Almighty Allah. Almighty Allah also imprints an invisible message on the person's forehead which will read, 'This slave is free from Hypocrisy and the Fire of Hell'. On the Day of Judgement, he will be with the Martyrs (Shaheeds)".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 103, Al-Targheeb-wal-Tarheeb Vol 2 Page 495)

21) Hazrat Abdur Rahmaan bin Auf (radi Allahu anhu) narrates: We, the Companions (Sahaba), used to spend day and night in the company of Holy Prophet (ﷺ). The reason being that we never separated from him was so that we could be of assistance to him in any matter. One day as Holy Prophet (ﷺ) left his house, I followed him. He entered an orchard and he offered his Salaah. He prolonged his prostration to such a degree that I began to cry with the thought that perhaps his soul had been taken away. When he completed his prostration, he came up to me and asked as to what the problem was. I replied, "O Prophet of Allah, I thought that maybe Almighty Allah had taken away your blessed soul and that I would never be able to see you again". The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "Verily, my Creator has rewarded me. Therefore, I prolonged the prostration. The reward which I speak about was that my Creator has promised me that whosoever amongst my Ummah reads a single Durood Sharif, ten of his sins are pardoned and he is rewarded with ten good deeds".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 105, Al-Targheeb-wal-Tarheeb Vol 2 Page 495)

22) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) once proceeded alone towards an open field. When Hazrat Umar (radi Allahu anhu) saw that he was alone, he became worried and followed him with a container of water. As he drew near, he saw that Holy Prophet (ﷺ) was in prostration so he moved and sat at one side. When Holy Prophet (ﷺ) had completed the prostartion, he remarked, "O Umar! You have done good by moving away when you saw me in prostration. Angel Jibrael (alaihis salaam) has brought a message from Almighty Allah saying that any person among my Ummah who reads a single Durood, then Almighty Allah will bless him ten times and will also increase him in status". This very Hadith has also been recorded by Imam Bukhari (radi Allahu anhu) in his book, "Adabul Mufrad".

(Adabul Mufrad, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 106, Saadaatud Daarain Page 64)

23) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads a single Durood upon me, Almighty Allah blesses him ten times. It is now up to the individual to increase the Durood or not".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 107)

24) Hazrat Bara Bin Azib (radi Allahu anhu) narrates, The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads a single Durood, Almighty Allah blesses him ten times, pardons ten of his sins and Almighty Allah increases his status ten times (spiritually). This is also equal to freeing ten slaves".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Vol 2 Page 108, Al-Targheeb-wal-Tarheeb Page 496)

25) Aamir bin Rabiah (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that he heard the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) say in a sermon that, "As long as the slave of Almighty Allah is reading the Durood, the Angels bless him. It is now up to the individual to either increase or decrease the recital Durood Sharif".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 114)

26) Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that he heard the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) say, "For that person who reads the Durood Sharif, I will be his intercessor on the Day of Judgement".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 121)

27) Hazrat Abu Kaahil (radi Allahu anhu) narrates once the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) addressed me saying, "O Abi Kaahil! That person who reads the Durood Sharif three times every day and night out of love and reverence for me, verily, Almighty Allah considers it necessary to forgive the daily sins of that person".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 117, Al-Targheeb-wal-Tarheeb Vol 2 Page 502)

28) Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqa (radi Allahu anha) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The person who desires that Almighty Allah be pleased with him or her when they are in the Court of Allah, that person should increase the recital of the Durood Sharif"

(Saadaatud Daarain Page 79,Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 122, Kashful-Ghamma Page 271)

29) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "If you forget about anything, you should read Durood Sharif. By the grace of Almighty Allah, you will remember (what you have forgotten)".

It is mentioned that Hazrat Khwaja Qaazi Mohammed Sultaan-e-Aalam Meerpuri (radi Allahu anhu), in whose court great Scholars and Saints used to frequent, it was his habit to take a book in his hand and ask one of the Scholars to find out a given problem from that book. After investigation of the book pages for a long time the scholars would fail to trace out the problem, but this Saint used to merely place his finger on the book and while reading the Durood Sharif used to open the exact page. This was through the Blessings of the Durood Sharif.

(Saadaatud Daarain Page 57)

30) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) has advised his Ummah, "O my Ummah! Read the Durood Sharif abundantly because the first question that will be asked in the grave will be concerning me".

Of all the questions put to the dead in his grave the most significant will be about the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). And the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) has underlined the importance of Durood Sharif because abundant recitation of it increases the love and devotion to the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) in the reciters heart and there in the grave he will be able to recognise the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). He whose heart is blessed with faith will answer the questions of the Munkar and Nakeer swiftly and easily and will answer;

"He is my Master whose name is Muhammad (ﷺ) who came to us with clear arguments."

Munkir and Nakeer will reply, "Indeed you are successful. We knew beforehand you will answer like this."

And the hypocrite will answer he does not know him (i.e the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). Hearing this the Angels will say, "We knew beforehand that you will answer like this. Then the torture of the grave will be set on him.

(Saadaatud Daarain Page 59, Kashful-Ghamma Page 269)

31) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "On the Pillars of the Arsh of Almighty Allah are written the following words, 'He who desires to meet Me, I bless him. He who asks from Me, I grant him. He who reads the Durood upon my Beloved (ﷺ) desiring My closeness, I pardon his sins, even if it be more than the foams of the ocean'".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat Page 13)

32) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads the following Durood, 'Allahuma salli ala Muhammad wa an zil hul Maq-adatil Mubaarakah indaka Yaumul Qiyamah', my intercession becomes Waajib upon him".

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّاَنْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ
عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

(Al-Targheeb-wal-Tarheeb Page 504)

33) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When two friends meet and shake hands and, thereafter, both read Durood Sharif on me, before they separate, their past and future sins are pardoned".

(Nazhatun Naazireen Page 31, Saadaatud Daarain Page 77, Al-Targheeb-wal-Tarheeb Page 504)

34) Hazrat Zaid (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that he once accompanied the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) for a walk. When they reached a small hill, a Bedouin approached them and greeted the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) asked, "O Bedouin! When you were approaching us, what were you reading?" The Bedouin replied, "O Prophet of Allah, I was reading the Durood, 'Allahuma Sallim ala Muhammad hatta laa tabqa salaatah, Allahuma Baarik ala Muhammad hatta laa tabqa Barakaah. Allahuma Sallim ala Muhammad hatta laa tabqa Salaam. Allahuma irham ala Muhammad hatta laa tabqa rahmaah'". The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) remarked, "Indeed, I saw the Angels from that place (meaning were the Bedouin was) till the Heavens"

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ حَتّٰى لَا يَبْقٰى
صَلَاةٌ اَللّٰهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ حَتّٰى لَا يَبْقٰى
بَرَكَةٌ اَللّٰهُمَّ سَلِّمْ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ حَتّٰى لَا يَبْقٰى
سَلَامٌ اَللّٰهُمَّ ارْحَمْ مُحَمَّدًا حَتّٰى لَا يَبْقٰى
رَحْمَةٌ

(Saadaatud Daarain Page 64)

35) Hazrat Abdur Rahmaan bin Samrah (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Tonight I have truly seen a strange sight. I saw one of my followers crossing the Siraat (Bridge over Hell). At times he was walking, at times falling, and at times he was hanging on. Then I saw that the

Durood which he had once read come to his assistance. It grabbed hold of the person, straightened him and led him safely across the Siraat".

(Saadaatud Daarain Page 66, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 124)

36) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "O my followers! Your recital of the Durood Sharif will be your light in the dark when crossing the Siraat (Bridge over Hell). He who desires to be abundantly rewarded on the Day of Judgement should increase the reading of the Durood Sharif".

(Saadaatud Daarain Page 68)

37) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "O my followers! Your recital of the Durood Sharif is a protector for your Duas. It also achieves for you the Pleasure of Almighty Allah and it purifies your actions".

(Saadaatud Daarain Page 68)

38) It is stated that no person used to sit between the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (radi Allahu anhu) in a gathering. One day, a person arrived and sat in between them. This surprised the Sahaba. When the individual had departed, they inquired from the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) about this. He replied, "He is also one of my beloved followers. Whenever he reads the Durood Sharif, he reads, 'Allahuma salli ala Muhammad kama tahibbu wa tarda lahu'".

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضٰى لَهٗ

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 73)

We realise from this Hadith that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) is well aware of the actions of his Ummah. Shah Abdul Aziz (rahmatullahi alaih) substantiates this by saying, "The Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) will be a Witness on the Day of Judgement because he is able to see each person with the light of Prophethood. He comprehends whether a person has reached a certain stage in Faith or not. He also understands the obstacles that face each person. Therefore, remember, that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) comprehends your sins, your state of Imaan, the good and the hypocrisy in each individual".

(Tafseer Azeezi: Surah Baqarah)

39) Hazrat Samrah (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that they were present with the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) when a person arrived and asked, "O Prophet of Allah! What are the beloved actions with Allah?" The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "Speak the truth and fulfil your trust". When asked further, he replied, "To perform the Tahajjud and to fast in summer". When asked further, he replied, "To increase the Zikr of Almighty Allah and to read the Durood Sharif as it eradicates poverty". When asked further, he replied, "The Imaam of the congregation should shorten the duration of the Salaah, for among the congregation are those who are elderly, sick, children and those involved in trade".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 714, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 129)

40) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who writes a Durood Sharif in a book, as long as my name is in that book, the Angels seek forgiveness for that person".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 83, Nazhatun Naazireen Page 31)

41) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who writes any knowledgeable matter about me and with it also writes the Durood Sharif upon me, then as long as the book is read, the writer will receive the reward (for having written the Durood Sharif)".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 83)

42) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "On the Day of Judgement, Almighty Allah will bring forward the Scholars and Muhadditheen. Their ink will be of sweet scent. When they are presented in the Court of the Allah Almighty, He will proclaim, 'For a long period, you have recited the Durood Sharif upon My Messenger. Therefore, O Angels, take them into Paradise".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 85)

43) It is mentioned that a person came to Holy Prophet (ﷺ) and complained to him about poverty and hardship. The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "When you enter your house, you should say, 'As Salaamo Alaikum' even if there are no occupants, then recite 'As Salaamo alaikum Ya Ayyuhan Nabi wa rahmatullaahi wa barakatuhu'. Thereafter, you should read Surah Ikhlas (Qul Huwal laahu Ahad) once".It is mentioned that when the person began to practise upon this advice, the Doors of Bounty was open to him and even his neighbours and relatives began to receive bounty through him.

اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ اَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 129, Sadaatud Daarain Page 63)

44) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads the Holy Quran, praises his Creator and recites the Durood Sharif upon me, he will discover goodness from its source".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 130)

45) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads the Durood Sharif 50 times daily, I shall shake hands with him on the Day of Judgement".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 132)

46) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "There is a purifier and a refinement for everything. For the heart of a Muslim, a means of purification and refinement is through the recital of the Durood Sharif".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 135)

47) Hazrat Ali (radi Allahu anhu) narrates the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "For that person who reads the Durood Sharif once, Almighty Allah records in his or her favour reward equal to one Qiraat". (One Qiraat is equivalent in weight to Mount Uhud).

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 118)

48) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads the Durood Sharif upon me in abundance in this world then, at the time of departing from this world, Almighty Allah orders all creatures to make Dua for his salvation".

(Nazhatul Majaalis Vol 2 Page 110)

49) Angel Jibrael (alaihis salaam) is reported to have mentioned to the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) that, "O Prophet of Allah! Almighty Allah has given you an abode in Paradise whose might is equivalent to 300 years of travel. It is surrounded by winds of miracle. Those persons that used to read the Durood Sharif in abundance will enter the alcove".

(Nazhatul Majaalis Page 111)

50) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "On the Day of Judgement, three types of persons will be under the shade of the Divine Throne, besides whose shade there will be no shade". When he was asked as to who these persons were, he replied, "The first is he who removes a difficulty experienced by one of my followers. The second is he who revives one of my practises. The third is he who has read the Durood Sharif in abundance".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 123, Sadaatud Daarain Page 63)

51) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, “Whoever of you offers prayers (Dua) should first of all praise Allah Almighty, then recite Durood Sharif, and after that he may supplicate for anything”.

In this hadith the manners of supplication (Dua) have been taught, when a beggar goes to a door of generous person to beg for some favour, firstly he praises the generous person and prays for his family, and after this he submits his request.

Similarly when someone wants to supplicate to Allah Almighty, he should make his Dua after praising Allah Almighty and reciting Durood Sharif. Thus Allah Almighty who is Generous will not reject his supplication.

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 57)

52) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "There are Angels who have been given the duty of seeking Zikr gatherings. When they come across a gathering busy in Zikr, they advise each other to join it. When Dua is read by the people, the Angels mention the Aameen. When the people read the Durood Sharif, the Angels also join them in the recitation. When the people complete the recital and depart for home, the Angels remark to one another, 'Good news for such people, for they are returning home as people forgiven'".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 117, Sadaatud Daarain Page 61)

53) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Almighty Allah has appointed certain Angels who go in search for gatherings in which the Zikr of Almighty Allah is being proclaimed. When they find such gatherings, they surround it and thereafter travel to the Court of Allah Almighty. They declare to Allah Almighty, 'O Allah! We have visited such servants of yours who revere Your Bounties. They recite the Revealed Book and send Durood Sharif upon Your beloved Messenger. They supplicate to You (asking good) for the present and the Hereafter'."In reply to this, Allah Almighty declares, 'Surround them with My Mercy'. The Angels reply that there was also one among the gathering who was a disobedient and sinful person. To this, Allah Almighty says, 'Surround them still with My Mercy, for they who sit together in this manner, none amongst them is unfortunate'".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 61)

54) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "There are certain individuals who are the Awtaads (extremely pious) who remain confined to the Mosques. Angels are there companions. When they go away, the Angels go in search of them. When they fall sick the Angels visit them. When they visit the Mosque again the Angels welcome them. When they seek assistance the Angels are there to assist them. When they rest, they are guarded by Angels from the Heavens to the Earth. The Angels inscribe the Durood Sharif that the Awtaad is reading with pens of gold on Plates of silver. The Angels say, 'Increase your Zikr and Durood Sharif so that Almighty Allah have Mercy upon you and may He increase His reward and Blessing upon you'. When the Awtaad reads the Zikr, a door is opened to them in the Heavens and there Dua is accepted. Beautiful Maidens peer at him and the Mercy of Almighty Allah surrounds them, till they start talking about worldly things, or leave and when they leave from the place of Zikr, the Angels then seek other gatherings of Zikr".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 116, Sadaatud Daarain Page 61)

55) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When you hear the Azaan being read, you should read as the Muazzin is reading. Thereafter, you should read the Durood Sharif. He who reads the Durood Sharif once, Almighty Allah bestows ten blessings upon him. You should then pray to Allah Almighty for my Waseela, for in Paradise there is a mansion named Waseela which was built for one person and I have hope that person will be me. He who prays to Allah Almighty for me for Waseela, will be blessed with my intercession on the Day of Judgement".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 56)

56) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) has stated that, "He who reads the Durood Sharif in abundance will be blessed with many beautiful Maidens (Hoors) as wives in Paradise".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 126, Kashful Ghamma Page 271, Sadaatud Daarain Page 56)

THE EXCELLENCE AND VIRTUE OF RECITING DUROOD SHARIF ON FRIDAYS (JUMMAH)

57) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "On the shining night (Thursday night) and the bright day (Friday), recite Durood Sharif upon me in abundance because your recitation is presented to me.

(Jaamius Sagheer Vol 1 Page 54)

58) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Increase your reading of the Durood Sharif during the day of Friday (Jummah) for this is a Day of Witnessing. It is on this day that the Angels present themselves. Whenever any of you read the Durood Sharif, the Durood Sharif is presented to me even before the gathering closes".

(Jaamius Sagheer Vol 1 Page 54)

59) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Increase your reading of the Durood Sharif during Friday for your Durood Sharif is presented to me on Friday. He who increases the reading of the Durood Sharif achieves closeness to me".

(Jaamius Sagheer Vol 1 Page 54)

60) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Increase your recital of the Durood Sharif on the day and night of Friday. I will be a witness and intercessor on the Day of Judgement for that person who does so".

(Jaamius Sagheer Vol 1 Page 54)

61) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, said, "When Thursday arrives, Allah Almighty sends the Angels who possess tablets of silver and pens of gold. They record (upon the tablets, the names of those) who read the most Durood Sharif on the nights of Thursday and Friday".

(*Sadaatud Daarain Page 57)*

62) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, said, "Increase your recital of Durood Sharif when the day of Friday comes and on the preceding night (Thursday night)".

(*Sadaatud Daarain Page 57)*

63) Hazrat Ali (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The person who recites Durood Sharif upon me one hundred times on Friday, on the Day of Judgement he will be granted a light that even if it was shared between all the creation it would still be sufficient".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat Page 12)

64) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, said, "On the Day of Judgement, that person will be closest to me who used to read Durood Sharif in abundance. The person who reads the Durood Sharif on Fridays, Allah Almighty fulfils a hundred needs of his, seventy needs of the Hereafter and thirty of this world. Allah Almighty also commands an Angel to present the Durood Sharif to me as a gift and says "O Prophet of Allah (ﷺ) this is a gift of Durood Sharif from so and so person from so and so tribe". This Durood Sharif is then preserved in a white book of light.

(*Sadaatud Daarain Page 60)*

65) Hazrat Ali (radi Allahu anhu) has reported that, "There are certain Angels who only descend on the world on the days and nights of Friday. They possess pens of gold, inkpots of silver and pages of light (Noor), they record the names of those who read the Durood Sharif".

(*Sadaatud Daarain Page 61)*

66) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, said, "Among the days, the most excellent is the Day of Friday. It is on this day that Hazrat Adam (alaihis salaam) was created and it is on this day that he passed away. It is on this day that Judgement will occur and it is on this day that mankind will be overtaken by unconsciousness. Therefore, on this day, increase your reading of the Durood Sharif for your Durood Sharif is presented to me". When the companions inquired as to how this was possible when the body of person is supposed to be eaten by the earth after death, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "Verily Almighty Allah has made it Haraam upon the earth to devour the bodies of the Prophets (Peace be upon them all)".

(*Sadaatud Daarain Page 780)*

67) Hazrat Abu Hurairah (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that, "Whosoever performs the Prayer of Asar on Friday and remains at the same place without getting up, and recites the following Durood eighty times, 'Allahumma salli ala Sayyiduna Muhammaddin Nabiyyil Ummi wa ala ahlihi wa sallam,' eighty years of his sins are forgiven and will be blessed with the reward equivalent to eighty years of worship".

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدِنِ النَّبِيِّ الْاُمِّيِّ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ

(*Sadaatud Daarain Page 82)*

THE HOLY PROPHET (PEACE BE UPON HIM) LISTENS TO THE DUROOD SHARIF HIMSELF

68) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Without doubt, there is an Angel of Allah Almighty, whom Allah has given power to listen to the voices of all the people. Whenever any persons reads a Durood Sharif, this Angel delivers the Durood Sharif to me. I then plead to Almighty Allah for the person to receive ten blessing for reading a single Durood Sharif".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 112)

69) Hazrat Abu Darda (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Increase the Durood Sharif on the Day of Friday for it is a Day of Witnessing. It is a day when the Durood Sharif is presented to me. For that person who reads the Durood Sharif, his voice reaches me wherever he is". When it was inquired by the companions as to whether he would hear the voice even after leaving this world, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "Yes, even after I have departed because Almighty Allah has made it Haraam upon the earth to devour the bodies of the Prophets (Peace be upon them all)".

(Jalaailul Ifhaam Page 63)

70) It is reported that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) was once asked about those who read the Durood Sharif after he had passed away. He replied, "I listen personally to the Durood Sharif of those who love me, while the Durood Sharif of others is presented to me"

(Dalail-ul-Khairat Page 18)

71) Hazrat Abu Amaama (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Allah Almighty has promised me that after I pass away, He will give me the power to listen to every person who reads the Durood Sharif, even though I will be in Madinatul Munawwarah and my followers will be in the East and West. O Abu Amaama, the entire creation will be placed in my tomb and I will see and hear all creation. He who reads the Durood Sharif ten times will receive a hundred rewards in return".

(Durratun Naasiheen Page 225)

72) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Increase your recital of the Durood Sharif on Friday and the night of Friday because on the day of Friday (Jummah) and the Friday nights I listen to your Durood Sharif with my own ears, whereas on other days it is presented to me by Angels".

(Nuzhatul Majalis Vol 2 Page 110)

WARNING FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT RECITE DUROOD SHARIF

73) Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who forgets to read the Durood Sharif, has certainly forgotten the path to Paradise (Jannah)".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 145)

74) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "On the Day of Judgement there will be people who will be ordered to enter Paradise (Jannah), but will not find the path to Paradise". When the Companions (Sahaba) asked as to what the reason for this would be, he replied, "There will be individuals who did not read the Durood Sharif when they heard my name being mentioned".

(Nuzhatul Majaalis Page 110)

75) Hazrat Abu Hurairah (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who has forgotten to read the Durood Sharif, has truly forgotten the path to Paradise"

To forget Durood Sharif would mean not reciting it when one hears the blessed name of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ), and forgetting the path to Paradise implies that even if one had earned his entry into Paradise will forget the path leading to it because of neglecting Durood Sharif.

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 140)

76) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Certainly that person is a miser who does not read the Durood Sharif when my name is mentioned in front of him".

(Tirmidhi Sharif, Mishkaat Sharif)

77) Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqa (radi Allahu anha) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "There will be three individuals who will be deprived of my vision (Allah Almighty forbid). The first is he who does not obey his parents. The second is he who abandons my Sunnah. The third is he who does not read the Durood Sharif when my name is mentioned".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 151)

78) Hazrat Jaabir (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When a group of people gather and then arise without having mentioning Allah Almighty and not having recited the Durood Sharif, then it is as if they have arisen after consuming rotten flesh".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 150)

79) Hazrat Abu Sa'eed Khudri (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When people sit in any gathering without reading the Durood Sharif, even though some will enter paradise , they will be full of regrets". (Will regret when looking at the lofty position achieved by others who were in the habit of reading the Durood Sharif).

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 150)

80) Hazrat Abu Hurairah (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Those individuals who sit in any gathering without having remembered Allah Almighty or read the Durood Sharif, they will experience hardship on the Day of Judgemant. Thereafter, it will be the Divine Wish of Allah Almighty whether or not He allocates to them punishment or reward".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 149)

81) Hazrat Anas (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Should I tell you who is the greatest of misers? It is he who does not read the Durood Sharif when my name is mentioned in his presence".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 147)

82) Hazrat Jarraad (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "When I am remembered in front of any individual, and the individual does not read the Durood Sharif, he will certainly enter Hell".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 146)

83) The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "It is an injustice that when I am mentioned in front of an individual, he does not read the Durood Sharif".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 147)

84) Hazrat Jaabir (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "If my name is mentioned before someone and he does not read Durood Sharif on me is unfortunate".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 145)

85) Hazrat Jaabir (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) ascended the Pulpit (Mimbar). When he had climbed the first step he said, "Aameen". He also said "Aameen" each time he climbed the second and third steps.

When the companions asked him about this, he replied, "When I had climbed the first step, Angel Jibrael presented himself and said, 'Unfortunate is that person who finds the Month of Ramadaan and let it pass by without being forgiven'. To this, I replied, Aameen."On the second step Angel Jibrael said, 'Unfortunate indeed is that person who in his lifetime has his parents or at least one of them, yet (by being of service to them), he did not achieve Paradise. To this, I replied, Aameen.

"On the third step Angel Jibrael said, 'Unfortunate indeed also is that person in front of whom you are mentioned (O Muhammad) صلى الله عليه وسلم, yet he does not read the Durood Sharif'. I again replied, Aameen".

(Bukhari Sharif, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 142)

86) Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqa (radi Allahu anha) narrates that she was sewing something at dawn (Sehri) when her needle fell down and the candle went out. Suddenly the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) arrived. Due to the brilliant light (Noor) from his face, she found the lost needle. When she commented about how brilliant the features of the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was, he replied, "Destruction is for that person who would not be able to see my face on the day of Judgement". When asked as to who that person would be, he replied. "That person who is a miser, and the miser is he who does not read the Durood Sharif when hearing my name".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 147, Nuzhatun Naazireen Page 31)

87) It is recorded that a hunter captured a Deer and was passing by the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم). Allah Almighty gave the Deer the power of speech. Addressing the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), the Deer pleaded, "O Prophet of Allah! I have little ones who are in need of milk. At this moment they are very hungry. Please command the hunter to release me so that I can feed them and then return". The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) asked her what would happen if she did not return. She replied, "If I do not return then the

Curse of Allah Almighty will be upon me as the Curse of Allah Almighty is upon that person who does not read the Durood Sharif when you are mentioned. The curse of Allah Almighty is also upon that person who performs the Prayer (Salaah) but does not read the Dua after it". The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) then ordered the hunter to release the Deer as He (ﷺ) was the guarantor for its return. The hunter released the Deer. The Deer returned after giving milk to its little ones as promised. The hunter upon seeing this freed the Deer and embraced Islam.

At that moment Angel Jibrael presented himself to the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) and declared, "O Prophet of Allah! Allah Almighty sends His Salaams to you and has declared, 'By My Might and Magnificence! I am certainly more Merciful upon your followers (O Muhammad) than this Deer upon its young. I would also return your followers to you as this Deer has returned to you'".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 148, Nuzhat-ul-Mujalis)

88) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "All those deeds which do not begin with the remembrance of Allah Almighty and the recital of the Durood Sharif are deeds without blessing and are removed from all good". The same Hadith as mentioned above also refers to gatherings such as speeches and lectures.

(Mutaali'ul Musarraat)

89) Hazrat Umme Anas daughter of Hazrat Imam Hussain (radi Allahu anhuma) narrated on the authority of her father that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) was asked to explain the significance of the verse:

"Surely, Allah Almighty and (all) His angels send blessings and greetings on the Holy Allah Almighty (blessings and Allah Almighty be upon him). O believers! Invoke blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation of Allah Almighty abundantly (and fervently)."(Al-Quran, Sura 33, Verse 56)

The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "It is from the secret knowledge. If you had not asked I would have not told you. Verily Allah Almighty Almighty has deputed two Angels with me. When a Muslim hears my name and he recites Allah Almighty Allah Almighty for me, both these Angels pray for his forgiveness, and on hearing this supplication Allah Almighty Almighty and all the Angels say "Ameen". In another tradition it is further mentioned "When a Muslim hears my name being mentioned and he does not recite Durood Sharif for me, both these Angels say "May you not be forgiven" and even on this Allah Almighty and all the Angels say "Ameen".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 116)

ADDITIONAL HADITH EXPLAINING THE EXCELLENCE OF DUROOD SHARIF

90) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "A person who is overwhelmed by anxiety and worry should increase the reading of the Durood Sharif. Durood Sharif eradicates anxiety, worry and distress. It also increase sustenance and satisfies the needs".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat Page 14, Nuzhatun Naazireen Page 31)

91) Hazrat Umar (radi Allahu anhu) said, "The Dua of a person remains suspended between the Heavens and Earth as long as the Durood Sharif is not read".

(Tirmidhi Sharif, Mishkaat Sharif)

92) Some Companions have mentioned that, "From the gathering in which Durood Sharif is read a sweet smell emanates which reaches the Heavens. When this sweet smell reaches the Angels they remark, "On the earth there is a gathering in which Durood Sharif is being recited".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat Page 13, Sadaatud Daarain Page 143)

Interpreting this Hadith it is mentioned that the Beloved Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) is the most virtuous, pure and devout being ever created. Therefore whenever His Holy personality is mentioned and Durood Sharif is recited the gathering becomes fragrant, and then this fragrance rises up towards the heavens.
The Saints (Awliya) are also able to perceive this sweet smell just as the Angels do. Some Saints even emit from their bodies a perfume better than musk and amber, while praising Allah Almighty and reciting Durood Sharif.
Mankind, due to its many sins and love for the temporal world, cannot sense this, and are deprived of this benefit. Mankind can be likened to a person suffering from fever. Even though he consumes sweet things, to him it all tastes bitter.

93) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "That person who is not able to give charity (Sadaqa) should read the following Durood, 'Allahumma salli ala Muhammad Abduka wa Rasoolika wa salli ala Mo'mineena wal Mo'minate wal Muslimeena wal Muslimati', and this would become his charity". He (ﷺ) has also stated that, "The believer (Mumim), is he who does not tire of doing good till he reaches Paradise (Jannah)".

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُوْلِكَ وَصَلِّ عَلَى
الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 127, Al-Targheeb-wal-Tarheeb Vol 2 Page 502)

94) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) once advised his beloved wife, Hazrat Ayesha (radi Allahu anha), "O Ayesha! Before you sleep, you should perform four deeds:

1. You should complete the recital of the Holy Quran,
2. You should make sure that the Prophets intercede for you on the Day of Judgement,
3. You should make sure that the entire Muslim Ummah is happy, and
4. You should perform the Hajj and Umrah".

The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) then completed his Salaah and was asked as to how it was possible to complete all these deeds before going to sleep. The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) smiled and replied, "O Ayesha! When you read Surah Ikhlas three times, then it is as if you have read the entire Quran. When

you read the Durood Sharif upon me and upon all the preceding Prophets, then we will certainly intercede for you on the Day of Judgement. When you make Dua for all the Muslims, they will be happy with you. When you read the following, 'Subhanal laahi wal Hamdulil laahi wala illaha illal laahu wallahu Akbar,' then it is as if you have performed the Hajj and Umrah".

(Durratun Naasiheen Page 89)

95) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When people will arise from their graves, I will be the first to arise. When mankind shall gather on the Day of Judgement, I shall be their leader. When mankind shall remain silent, I shall be their spokesman. When they will be called forward for judgement, I will be their intercessor. When they will lose all hope, I will give them glad tidings. The Flag of Miracle on that Day will be in my hands including the Keys of Paradise. My status on that Day, compared to the rest of Bani Adam, will be the most supreme. I shall be surrounded by thousands upon thousands of servants as if they were protecting a precious jewel. I do not say this in pride. And if no Durood Sharif is read during a supplication (Dua), there is a veil between it and the Heavens. When the Durood Sharif is read, the veil is removed and the supplication is accepted".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 62)

96) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Whenever you supplicate (Dua) you should read Durood Sharif at the beginning, in the middle and at the end".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 74)

97) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When you supplicate (Dua) to Allah Almighty, first recite Durood Sharif because Allah Almighty is Merciful and it is beyond his Mercifulness that when two supplications are presented He grants the one and rejects the other".

(Nuzhat-ul-Mujalis Vol 2 Page 108)

Durood Sharif is also a supplication (Dua) and every other supplication is either accepted or rejected by Allah Almighty, but Durood Sharif is never rejected. So when Durood Sharif is recited with the supplication one should not have doubts that Allah Almighty will detach the Durood Sharif and accept it, and reject the rest of the supplication as is shown in the Hadith above. Durood Sharif is actually instrumental to the acceptance of the supplication.

98) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "All supplications (Dua's) are at a standstill till the time the Durood Sharif is read. Thereafter, is it accepted".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 73)

99) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When you read the Durood Sharif, your name and appearance is presented to me. Therefore, you should read the Durood Sharif in a beautiful manner".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 62)

100) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads the Durood Sharif ten times, then it is as if he has freed a slave".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 79)

101) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads the Durood Sharif once, Allah Almighty will bestow upon him ten blessings. He who reads the Durood Sharif ten times, Allah Almighty will bestow upon him a hundred blessings. He who reads the Durood Sharif a hundred times, Allah Almighty blesses

him a thousand times. He who reads the Durood Sharif a thousand times, (on the Day of Judgement) at the door of Paradise (his shoulders will touch mine)." (In other words, that is how close he will be to Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (ﷺ).

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 80, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 108)

102) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Verily, Allah Almighty directs His Mercy towards that person who reads the Durood Sharif. That person towards whom Allah Almighty directs His Mercy will not suffer the punishment of Hell".

(Kashful-Ghamma Vol 1 Page 269)

103) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Beautify your gatherings with the Durood Sharif and the mention of Umar Bin Khattab (radi Allahu anhu)".

(Kashful-Ghamma Vol 1 Page 269)

104) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Whosoever reads the Durood Sharif, 'Allahumma salle ala Ruhi Muhammad fil arwahi wa ala Jasadi fil ajsadi wa ala Qabre fil Quboori', will see me in his dream. Whosoever sees me in his dream, will see me on the Day of Judgement. Whosoever sees me on that Day, I will intercede for him. Whosoever I intercede for will drink from the Fountain of Kauther. It will become Haraam upon the Fire of Hell to consume his body".

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى رُوْحِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِى الْاَرْوَاحِ وَصَلِّ عَلٰى جَسَدِ
مُحَمَّدٍ فِى الْاَجْسَادِ وَصَلِّ عَلٰى قَبْرِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِى الْقُبُوْرِ

(Kashful-Ghamma Vol 1 Page 269, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 43)

105) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Truly my Lord has allocated a special station for those that read the Durood Sharif".

(Kashful-Ghamma)

106) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads the Durood Sharif, his heart becomes clean of hypocrisy (Nifaaq), like a cloth washed with water".

(Kashful-Ghamma Vol 1 Page 271)

107) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who reads Durood Sharif has opened for himself seventy doors of Mercy and Almighty Allah instills in the heart of the people love for the reciter of the Durood Sharif. Therefore, only that person will dislike the Durood Sharif who is a hypocrite".

(Kashful-Ghamma Vol 1 Page 271)

108) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who does not read the Durood Sharif possesses no religion".

(Kashful-Ghamma Vol 1 Page 271)

109) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who does not read the Durood Sharif has no Ablution (Wudu)".

(Kashful-Ghamma Vol 1 Page 271)

110) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The Dua which is read between two Durood Sharifs is never rejected".

(Bahjatul Mohaamil Vol 2 Page 413)

ADDITIONAL NARRATIONS TAKEN FROM DALAIL-UL-KHAYRAT

111) Hazrat Abdurraham ibn Awf (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, Angel Jibrael said, "O Muhammad, whenever someone from your nation asks for blessings upon you, seventy thousands angels bless him, and whoever is blessed by Angels is one of the People of The Garden".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat)

112) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Whenever someone asks for blessings upon me, extolling my right, Allah, Mighty and Sublime is He, creates from his words an Angel with wings stretching from the East to the West, with feet connected to the lowest part of the seventh earth and a neck bent beneath The Throne. Allah, Mighty and Sublime is He, Says to him, 'Bless My slave as he asks for blessings upon My Prophet(ﷺ) and thereupon the angel will bless him until the Day of Resurrection".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat)

113) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Whenever a slave asks for blessings upon me, his request leaves him quickly and passes over land and sea, through East and West, saying 'I am the blessing upon Muhammad, the Chosen One, the Best of Allah's Creation, asked for by so and so' and everything asks for blessings upon him. A bird is created from these blessings with seventy thousand wings, each of which has seventy thousand feathers. Each of the feathers has seventy thousand heads on each of which are seventy thousands faces. Each face has seventy thousands mouths and in every mouth there are seventy thousand tongues. Each tongue glorifies Allah the exalted in seventy thousand languages and Allah will then write for him the reward for all of that".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat)

114) Hazrat Ali (radi Allahu anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Whoever asks Allah one hundred times on a Friday to bless me, a light will come for him on the Day of Judgement, a light which, were it to be divided among them, would be enough for the whole of creation".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat)

115) Other reports mention that, "The Gates of the Heavens are opened for a believing slave, male or female, who begins by asking for blessings upon Holy Prophet (ﷺ), and the Pavilions are opened as far as The Throne, and all the Angels bless Sayedina Muhammad (ﷺ), Allah's blessings and peace be upon him, and ask for forgiveness for that slave for as long as Allah wishes".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat)

116) The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "There will come to my Pool (Kauthar) on the Day of Judgement nations I will only know because of their frequent asking for blessings upon me".

(Dalail-ul-Khairat)



STATEMENTS OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITIES CONCERNING DUROOD SHARIF

1) Allah Almighty sent Divine Revelation (Wahi) to Prophet Musa (alaihis salaam): "If there had been no one to praise me, I would not let one drop of rain fall from the heavens, nor would I let one grain of corn to grow from the earth. Do you desire closeness with me as your conversation has with your tongue, your fears with your heart, your soul with your body and your sight with your eyes? ". Prophet Musa (alaihis salaam) replied "Yes". Then Allah Almighty stated "If you want this then you should recite Durood Sharif abundantly on My Beloved Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) ".

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 87, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 132, Maqasid-us-Salikeen Page 54)

2) It is narrated that once Prophet Musa (alaihis salaam) walked a very long distance in the desert during summer at noon. He fainted due to thirst and hunger. After a while, when he regained his consciousness, Allah Almighty sent Angel Jibrael (alaihis salaam) to go and inquire from Prophet Musa (alaihis salaam) if he was thirsty or not. Prophet Musa (alaihis salaam) replied that he was thirsty. Allah Almighty told him that the thirst on the Day of Judgement will be a million times more than what Prophet Moosa (alaihis salaam) experienced. Prophet Musa (alaihis salaam) was told that if he wished to get rid of that thirst on the hottest Day of Judgement, he would have to do one thing. When prophet Musa (alaihis salaam) enquired as to what should be done, Allah Almighty told him that he should recite Durood Sharif in abundance on The Most Beloved Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). Prophet Musa (alaihis salaam) thanked Allah Almighty and immediately began reciting Durood Sharif on The Most Beloved Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).

(Sadaatud Daarain Page 87, Al-Qawl-ul-Badi Page 124)

Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique (radi Allahu anhu) said, "The reading of the Durood Sharif obliterates sins as water obliterates fire. To read the Salaam for the Pleasure of Almighty Allah is more lofty than freeing a slave. To love Holy Prophet (ﷺ) is superior than waging Jihad (Holy War) or facing Martydom in Jihad".

(Al-Qawl-ul-Badi)

101)